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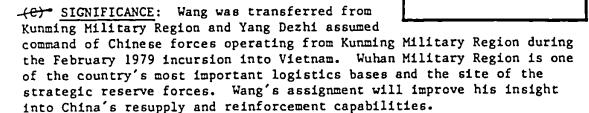


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BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

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- (U) NAME: WANG Bicheng (WANG Pi-cheng) (3769/1801/2052) (pronounced wahng), Army. Wang was a Lieutenant General when ranks were abolished in 1965.
- (U) <u>POSITION</u>: Commander, Wuhan Military Region since January 1979; Member, Chinese Communist Party Central Committee since August 1973.



(U) POLITICS:

- (U) Wang has never taken an active role in party affairs. His appointments have been based on his military expertise. He has served under Military Commission Member Su Yu, Guangzhou Military Region Commander Xu Shiyou, and Kunming Military Region Commander Yang Dezhi, all of whom are influential in military affairs.
- (U) Wang served with the Chinese People's Volunteer Army during the Korean War.
- (U) PERSONAL DATA: Wang was born in 1912, in Hunan Province. He is reported to be a very competent field commander. Wang was awarded the Medal of Independence and Freedom and the Medal of Liberation, both First Class and both awarded in September 1955.

(U) CAREER:

1933

- Joined Red Army and promoted to division commander.

1938-1940

- Battalion commander and then deputy commander, 2d Regiment, 1st Detachment, New 4th Army (Commander: Chen_Yi), 1938. Promoted Commander, 2d Regiment.

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April 1979 - Commander, 2d Brigade, 1st Division (Commander: Su 1941-1946 Yu), New 4th Army (Commander: Chen Y1), 1941. Commander, 16th Brigade, 6th Division, New 4th Army. Commanded the 2d and 3d Military Subdistricts, Jiangsu-Zhejiang Military District. 1946-1948 - Commander, 6th Division, New 4th Army (redesignated East China People's Liberation Army, 1947 (Commander: Chen Yi), and in 1949, renamed 3d Field Army (Commander: Chen Yi). Commander, 6th Column, East China People's Liberation Army, 1948. 1949-1951 - Deputy commander, 7th Army Group (Commander: Wang Jianan), 3d Field Army; concurrently commander, 24th Army, 7th Army Group, 3d Field Army and deputy commander, Zhejiang Military District, 1949. Commander, 8th Army Group, 3d Field Army and commander, Zhejiang Military District, 1951. Member, Zhejiang Province People's Government, 1951. 1952-1954 - Deputy commander, 9th Army Group, Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Korea, 1952. Commander, 9th Army Group, Chinese People's Volunteer Army, 1953. After ceasefire became deputy commander, Chinese People's Volunteer Army (Commander: Yang Dezhi). 1954-1960 - Commander, Shanghai Garrison, 1954. Deputy to 1st National People's Congress, 1954. Received rank of Lt Gen, 1955. Member, Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, 1957. 1961-1970 - Deputy commander, Nanjing Military Region (Commander: Xu Shiyou), 1961. Concurrently commander, Nanjing Garrision Forces. Elected delegate, People's Liberation Army, 3d National People's Congress, 1964.

1970-1971

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- 1st deputy commander, Kunming Military Region, 1970. Commander, Kunming Military Region; concurrently 2d Secretary Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and 1st Vice Chairman Yunnan Provincial Revolutionary Committee, 1971.

1973 to Present

- Member, 10th Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, 1973. Member, 11th Chinese Communist Party Committee, 1977. Commander, Wuhan Military Region, Jan 1979.

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